GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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INTEREST ON DUES AGAINST FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are outstanding dues on account of foodgrain supply under food-for-work programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action proposed/taken in this regard;

(d) whether it is proposed to charge interest on such dues; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) The Food for Work Programme was replaced with the Special Component of the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) from 1.4.2002. Foodgrains are provided under normal SGRY and Special Component of SGRY free of cost to the States/UTs. The Ministry of Rural Development make payment to Food Corporation of India (FCI) on receipt of Bills for the foodgrains lifted by the Implementing Agencies under the Scheme. As intimated by FCI, there is an outstanding payment of Bills amounting to Rs.17,396.67 crores.

(c) The Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance have been requested to provide additional grants to make payment to FCI as against their outstanding Bills.

(d)&(e) The FCI has requested this Ministry to make payment of Rs.1157.95 crores for cumulative interest on outstanding dues for the year 2004-05.